

Vice President

Candidate: Dalton Owens

Questions:

1. Which communities do you think require budgeting and volunteers right now? How do you plan to make ASUW resources available to the student body?

In my opinion, the communities that require budgeting and volunteers right now are the communities that have been most heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This unique global crisis that society is currently facing has resulted in mass hospitalizations, displacement of people, and financial insecurity. I would first like to draw my attention towards low-incomes students. Students that already face financial hardship regardless of the pandemic that has become our new reality. Layoffs and non-essential business closures have put many people in the status of unemployment. I would hope that budgeting and volunteers along with the necessary efforts would allow for our University of Washington students who face financial hardship to experience as little added difficulty as possible. I also feel as if our international students deserve budgeting and volunteer efforts. Many of these students who are valued members of our campus community, have been relocated back to their home countries. I feel as if it is the responsibility of us as not only a student body, but a community, to stand behind these students as they are facing especially difficult times as a result of COVID-19. As ASUW Vice President I would seek collaboration with the Office of Communication and the Office of Outreach and Involvement in an effort to maximize the awareness of ASUW opportunities and resources. The Office of Communication and the Office of Outreach and Involvement share similar values of inclusion and awareness that I believe are applicable in a task such as increasing awareness of resources. I believe that efforts can be placed towards developing a centralized database for resources and opportunities offered by ASUW that can serve as a valuable resource for individual students as well as interested parties such as our wide variety of student organizations on campus.

2. How will you help facilitate an effective ASUW board if classes are online fall quarter?

With the possibility of online courses continuing into the Fall, I would have to develop creative and unique ways to perform my duties as ASUW Vice President. I feel as if the key to an effective board is communication and collaboration. Through communication and collaboration, board members who serve in varying capacities can unite under a common understanding that seeks goals reflective of ASUW's values and mission. As ASUW Vice President, it would be my duty to ensure that all board members are working towards their goals and have necessary support. This is an expectation that I would achieve through virtual platforms with routine check-ins. I would serve as the continuous link between our board members, ensuring that each member is kept informed on the tasks of their coworkers. I would also seek to develop board Zoom meetings for social and

bonding purposes. It is necessary to develop a positive and cohesive community between all board members in order to serve our student body effectively. I would hope to assist in fostering this connection despite the added difficulty of online classes.